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Subject: Land Team Newsapalooza - 6/24/16

All -- Good afternoon/evening. Please see below for Land Team-related emerging developments.

Several entries of potential interest. The last of them highlights a new technique to determine the chemical composition of materials using near-infrared light, which could have a number of potential applications such as improving downhole drilling analysis in the oil and gas industry and broadening the spectrum of solar light that can be harvested and converted to electricity.

Reply/call with follow-up questions otherwise, thanks in advance and best wishes for an enjoyable weekend. ~~~ Jace

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EU Continues Impasse Over Glyphosate Reauthorization Bid

A European Union panel today failed to agree on whether to extend its approval for the popular herbicide glyphosate. The "no decision" vote in Brussels adds greater uncertainty to regulatory prospects for the world's top herbicide by volume, which is used in more than 750 products related to agriculture, forestry, urban and residential landscaping. The EU's current authorization for glyphosate is set to expire next Thursday. EU Health and Food Safety Commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis said he plans to meet with EU officials on Monday to discuss next steps.

EPA Chemical Security Overhaul Ripe for Challenge: Attorney

The EPA's proposed overhaul of its chemical security risk management framework is likely to get hit with a range of legal challenges, an industry attorney says. The American Petroleum Institute and other industry groups will likely challenge the Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act, immediately following finalization, charging statutory overreach and unauthorized enforcement authority on EPA's part, according to the attorney. More >>

CEOs See Value of Sustainability More Clearly

Chief executive officers at some of the world's biggest companies are seeing the business value of sustainability more clearly today than they have in the past, according to a recent survey. The study finds that 59 percent of CEOs who are members of a United Nations corporate responsibility initiative say they can accurately quantify the value of their sustainability efforts, up from 38 percent in 2013. More >>

Merkley to Float Pollinator Conservation Bill

Sen. Merkley plans to introduce a bill that would address a decline in numbers among bees and other pollinating insects by providing financial incentives to farmers who avoid using certain pesticides. The measure would allow the Department of Agriculture to spend up to \$30 million a year on incentives for farmers who adopt conservation plans that include limiting their use of "pollinator-toxic insecticides and herbicides

OIL SPILLS:

Firefighters in Ventura, Calif., contain a spill of an estimated 700 barrels of crude oil from a pipeline, preventing it from flowing into the city and the Pacific Ocean. More »



Implementation Doubts Linger Over EPA Ash Rule Despite Policy Certainty

States, environmentalists and the utility industry are wrestling with how best to implement EPA's coal ash disposal rule despite what some stakeholders see as certainty on regulating ash as solid waste, with states grappling with various measures to implement the rule while advocates are pursuing suits seeking strict controls for ash facilities.



Reformed chemical safety law doesn't eliminate need for public vigilance.

The first update in 40 years to a key law regulating chemicals in the US greeted with cautious optimism. <u>Earth Island</u> Journal.

Spat over weedkiller glyphosate shows how Brussels gets saddled with blame.

To understand why the European Union has such a bad reputation with many citizens and businesses, the protracted fight over weedkiller glyphosate is a good place to start. <u>Wall Street Journal</u>.

Sen. Gillibrand calls for EPA action on toxic chemical PFOA.

A day after President Barack Obama signed a major overhaul of toxic chemical rules into law, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand called on federal regulators to use new powers under the law to determine if the industrial chemical PFOA should be restricted or banned. Associated Press.

Ventura oil spill misses the ocean, but damage on land is unclear.

Marking the latest significant oil spill in California and underscoring the hazards of the oil and natural gas industry along the Central Coast, an open pipeline valve sent thousands of gallons of crude oil down into an arroyo that flows through the city of Ventura. Los Angeles Times.

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Researchers Discover New Chemical Sensing Technique

Researchers have reported a new technique to determine the chemical composition of materials using near-infrared light. The work could have a number of potential applications, including improving ...read more